Student Council

**12/1/23**

*Present:*

Caitlin Fieldhouse – CF

Jessie Barker - JB

Kelsey Howard-Matthews - KHM

Lisa Herbrig - LH

Rachel Ward – RW

Sonya Karamzalieva – SK

Sophie Strangeway – SS

*Staff present:*

Louise Brenkley - LB

*Absent with formal apologies:*

Evie Hudson - EH

Humaira Khan – HK

Thomas Noble - TN

*Absent without formal apologies:*

Eliza Dolly - ED

**Item 1 – Welcome from the Chair**

RW thanked everyone for attending, confirmed attendances and apologies and confirmed the meeting as quorate

**Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

RW asked members for their approval of minutes from December’s meeting; all confirmed their approval

**Item 3 – Matters Arising**

KHM explained the change of date for the Student Council dinner to Sunday 29th January at 17.30 in Leeds and asked members to email with confirmation of acceptance to the invitation

KHM described how the SEC role is changing regarding applying for and approving finance requests in the SU for events and campaigns

RW confirmed the official resignation of the Vice President and that Kelsey, Charlie and Louise are here to support all members in the absence of a Vice President

**Item 4 – Attendance Log and Task Tracker**

RW confirmed that historical attendance log is correct

CF gave a brief task tracker summary of the work she had completed since December’s meeting

**Item 5 – Action Tracker and Officer Updates**

CF added that she is currently working on accessible accommodation to collaborate with societies and freshers fair to promote this

LH updated that she had met with some new International students to welcome them and is planning some outings and activities to build more sense of belonging for International students

JB explained that the focus groups for the MHWS are in process with Maria in the service

CF added that she would like to collaborate on any events for Mental Health Week, such as University Mental Health Day. KHM confirmed the date for this is 3rd March. CF asked about plans for the Time to Talk Day and any further updates on the Andy’s Man Club event

KHM confirmed plans for Andy’s Man Club to come in for Mental Health Week. KHM to speak with Matt Nunnerley to discuss plans for this

**Item 6 – School Rep Reports**

SS updated on feedback regarding issues with group work and Teams and that Yanguo is now aware

SK updated on Time To Talk Day and the plans to have a stall in the Atrium. SK added that she had been trying to collaborate with HK but with no success. KHM explained the processes involved for booking the Atrium and to please discuss with her for help with this. RW supported SK idea

**Item 7 – Sabbatical Officer Reports**

KHM iterated how proud and happy she is that everyone is working hard and that she is looking forward to a positive year going forward. KHM thanked members and added that all members’ contributions influence her work

KHM updated on plans for a January Farmhouse Breakfast Week and explained the provisional plans for w/c 23rd Jan to coincide with Speak Week. KHM added that any suggestions about what breakfasts items to include are welcomed from members

KHM explained that International Women’s Day is coming up and asked members to contribute any ideas in addition to ED’s work. KHM described the possibilities of doing something with women’s sports and also an event in the bar

KHM described how she is working on the Student Charter and will be asking for Councils’ input at the next meeting

JB added there is a University lecturer who may want to contribute to Women’s day

KHM added that on the success of October’s breast cancer awareness, there is a further liberation day upcoming with Sarah Todd

KHM explained that she was meeting with LUU on Friday regarding some collaboration projects, in particular for a clothes swap shop

KHM asked Council for any ideas to contribute for LGBTQ history month coming up

KHM added that she is chasing up some charities to come in and run some BSL sessions so she can apply for funding

KHM described how she is trying her best to balance goals goals at the moment as she has taken on some of the Vice Presidents’ workload and additional goals from this

JB asked about a date for Look After Your Mate training. KHM explained that she is trying to find a suitable date and added that this is not an accredited course but participants will receive a certificate on completion

RW stressed that, on behalf of all Council members, KHM is doing a great job and that everyone appreciates her hard work

KHM explained that, for future meetings, there will be an item added for the currently under-represented groups for all members to contribute to for ideas. KHM also added that for sustainability, member ideas are welcome and to email RW with any contributions. CF mentioned Starbucks cups. SS mentioned having metal straws for sale in the SU shop. JB mentioned having a price reduction for reusable cups. CF mentioned that the computers in library are permanently switched on when not in use

RW asked for any ideas to support the under-represented groups to send to KHM and send Sustainability contributions to her. RW stressed how important it is that we still fulfil contributions for the missing officer roles

**Item 8 – Motions Debate**

No new submissions on Student Say receiving the required interactions

**Item 9 – Sustainability**

RW updated how she is working on reducing waste through sports and societies and university as a whole with Trinity Sport for equipment and how this is a big goal for the Green Impact Award this semester

**Item 10 – AOB**

KHM mentioned the 2023 Elections and how students can nominate themselves and/or recommend other students for nomination. KHM added that if anyone wanted to talk about the roles and positions available then to please ask

RW explained that, with discussions with EH, future Council meetings will now be held on Monday

LB will circulate the new Monday dates

RW thanked everyone and attendance and closed the meeting